

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cord WOHLTMANN

Appl. No.: 09/736,190

Confirmation No.: 8459

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS  
FOR COUNTERACTING THE  
LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS  
IN A CUTOFF FOR CIGARETTES  
AND THE LIKE

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Stephen Choi

Atty. Docket No.: 31653-167278

Customer No:

**26694**

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary for the interview conducted December 19, 2003 and mailed March 22, 2004, Applicants submit the following Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview. This Statement is being submitted concurrently with an Amendment in response to an Office Action dated March 22, 2004.

**Participants:** Exr. Stephen Choi and Applicants' Representative Chad Anderson

**Date of Interview:** December 19, 2003

**Type:** Telephonic

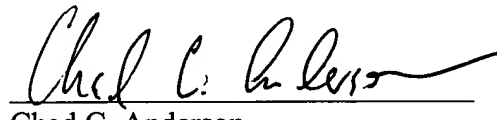
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- 1) Brief Description of the Nature of any Exhibit Shown or any Demonstration Conducted: None
- 2) Claims Discussed: of record
- 3) Specific Prior Art Discussed: of record
- 4) Identification of Specific Proposed Amendments: discussed Amendment filed December 22, 2003
- 5) Identification of Arguments Presented to the Examiner: Emphasized arguments presented in  
Amendment filed December 22, 2003
- 6) Other Pertinent Matters: None
- 7) Results: It was agreed that Dyett does not teach the ledger moving along an essentially linear path.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 06/22/04



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